

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Bellin (U.S. Patent No. 6,683,526). In view of the following comments, the Examiner's rejection is respectfully traversed, and reconsideration of the claims as presented herein is respectfully requested.

Claim 1 recites “detecting *at a telephone* when the telephone has moved from a previous coverage area to a current coverage area” and “automatically deleting the coverage area specific messages from the memory in response to said detecting”. Claim 11 recites “automatically deleting from the memory at least one coverage area specific message received when the telephone was in the previous coverage area in response to said detecting the telephone has moved from the previous coverage area to the current coverage area.” Claim 19 recites “a controller coupled to the memory and the receiver, the controller detecting at the telephone that the telephone has moved from a previous coverage area to a current coverage area, and automatically deleting, by the telephone and from the memory associated with the telephone, coverage area specific messages received when the telephone was in the previous coverage area in response to said detecting the telephone has moved from the previous coverage area to the current coverage area.”

The Examiner indicates that Bellin in column 12, lines 67-68 and col.13, lines 1-10 discloses a method being effected by a telephone for selectively deleting messages received by the telephone. The Examiner states that the method comprises detecting when the telephone has moved from a previous coverage area to a current coverage area. However, Bellin merely discloses in these lines a pager based communications system that provides a way for individual message launch sites to detect that a pager has moved. This detection is done by correlating individual receiver identification numbers and address information of the pager at a message launch site. There is no disclosure to a method being effected by a telephone to automatically delete from the memory at least one coverage area specific message received when the telephone was in a previous coverage area in response to detecting the telephone has moved from the previous

coverage area. Accordingly, Bellin is missing the basic structure of the independent claims, and can not anticipate the claimed invention or render it unpatentable.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is solicited.

Respectfully Submitted

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